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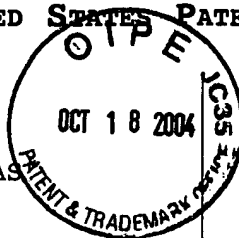
IN RE APPLICATION

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 22, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered and considered by the Examiner:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 9 and 14, amend Claims 1, 2, 15 and 20, and enter new Claims 22 and 23 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.